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For: METHODS OF ENGINEERING SPATIALLY  
CONSERVED MOTIFS IN POLYPEPTIDES

**REQUEST FOR COUNTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114 &  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND ADVISORY ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Submission is filed in reply to the Final Office Action, mailed on March 23, 2007, in connection with the above application. Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal on September 23, 2007, which was received by the PTO on September 24, 2007. An Advisory Action was mailed on October 16, 2007. Applicants respectfully request a four-month extension to file Appeal Brief. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief, Applicants file this RCE submission.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.